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The growth of hops is recommended as a source of profit to farmers. It has already been tried with very good results in New South Wales. In England two obstacles are found to confine hop-growing to a few men. The plant is very particular in its selection of soil, and requires two or three years' grace before it will bear. There is only a limited area suitable to it in one case, and in the other only a limited number of men who feel willing or able to wait so long for a return. Here, however, hop-vines have been found not only to bear the first year, but to resist the scorching winds before which the foliage and fruit of the grape-vines sometimes wither. An acre of hop-bine, planted in August, has yielded the following harvest, 5 cwt. of fine mercantile hops. They require a good rich bottom. Alluvial flats, well drained, and trenched, serve admirably; but a permanent stock like this is no more to be placed within the flood range than a vineyard. Some of the best descriptions are the *Grape* and the *Goulding*. In Victoria, the *Jones*, a red bine hop grows well. The shrewd Americans have discovered that it would be far better to let England grow their breadstuffs than to supply their breweries with hops, because the profits of the former are more than double those of the latter. The improvements of the present age have so lessened the expense and labour of producing hops, that the cost of starting a garden is hardly one-fourth what it was five years ago. The *Prairie Farmer* remarks on the subject:—

It is with great satisfaction that we receive Mr. Alexander Bruce's Report of the state of the sheep of this colony for the past half-year. It will be read with great relief "that the sheep flocks of the colony are free from scab." The Act has had to be enforced twice within the period specified, at Scone, and upon Mr. Holt's Sutherland estate near Sydney, and the means adopted have checked the spread of the insect. In order to provide against the importation of the disease we are informed that inspectors have been stationed at all the ports where sheep are likely to be landed, and directors appointed to see that these men do their duty. To protect our sheep from the disease which prevails in Victoria, a large staff of inspectors and boundary riders are now employed upon the Murray. This expense it is to be hoped will soon be at an end, since a "printed bill" has appeared before the Victorian Legislature for the prevention of diseases in animals. For the treatment of scab, the colony is divided into districts—clean, doubtful, and infected. Great powers are given in it to inspectors, who can place any run, or part thereof, in quarantine. The penalties attending the rupture of this cordon are sufficiently heavy to deter owners from venturing to move sheep whose *locale* has once been fixed by the inspector. The main differences, perhaps, between this bill and the Scab Act of New South Wales is that no mention is made of

that that was to be seen for a bob. At other times, when the gaff's been full, I've seen him throw down his bell, shut up his talk, and lean back against the corner of a counter, and say, "I don't care no more if he comes, but it wasn't worth while to try it just then." There," says he, and he'd dropped his tragedy talk and style, and spoke the name as you or me would, "I've filled the house, and I hope they're satisfied." I can't do no more, for I never—  
"I never?" "I never," says he, "I never want to fancy that it was him and his bell, and not the play acting, that brought the people, and that if he didn't shout and ring till all was blue there wouldn't be a soul in the place.

It was a caution to see him when he'd come dull, or if he'd got opposition all right. My word, he used to come out strong. I've seen him with a trumpet and a gong as well as the bell, and if he could have managed it, I really think he'd have gone to work with 'em all at once if he'd have known how. But he couldn't do it no more than he could get a trumpet to ring till all of 'd he'd a good ringing at the bell, and then he'd sing out, "Be in time—Be in time!" Then he'd give a too-too-too on the trumpet; and then he'd shout, "The greatest play that ever was produced on any dignified stage." Then he'd say, "I've got to stop here for a while till he wind up. 'Roll up! Roll up!' to the grand performance—To-night! To-night!" But whenever the rival gaff men came down any where near his ground, he'd give couldn't sing fits, so that not only the rival man's voice couldn't be heard but he'd be so mad he'd be sure to hurt himself; and once I actually see him call up a kid and get him to ring the bell whilst the gong was being hammered. The rival gaff man hadn't half a chance with him.

I told you how I used to sit and listen to him and at last he noticed me, and he said, "This evening" sort of an acquaintance. He see well enough what a stunner I thought him, and he'd give me a bob of the head

The above goods to be obtained at all times of Messrs.  
**FRANCIS MACNAB and CO., Sydney.**

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**RYE, SUBURBAN, AND COUNTRY FREEHOLDS.**—At the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock for half-past 11.

**GOULBURN-STREET.**—The Hen and Chicken Hotel and two dwelling-houses adjoining, at the corner of Little Macquarie-street, opposite Macleay-street. Perpetual sale, in consequence of the proprietor leaving the colony.

**RILEY-STREET, SURREY HILLS.**—Brick-built villa with cottage, Rileystreet, a few feet above Mr. Gilford's grocery store, corner of Foveaux-street; also two-story house at the rear.

**FAIRFAX-STREET, DULBACH-STREET, ADJOINING** the property of Mrs. Bailey, and near the Bay Ferry Wharf.

**NEWTOWN.**—First-class business site, fronting the main Newmarket Road, adjoining near Wesleyan church.

**MANNING RIVER.**—Capital farm of 44 acres, on Devereux River, and about a mile from Gundewindra and Taree. Without reserve.

**RICHARDSON AND WRENCH.**

**RILEY-STREET, SURREY HILLS.**

**BRICK-BUILT VERANDAH COTTAGE.** Rileystreet, few feet above Mr. TULLOCH'S GROCERY STORE, at the corner of Foveaux-street. Also, a TWO-STORY BRICK-BUILT HOUSE at the rear.

**CAPITAL CITY INVESTMENT.**

**RICHARDSON AND WRENCH** have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, 5th August, at 10 o'clock,

All that valuable allotment of land, part of the Riley Estate, having a front of 100 feet to RILEY-STREET, SURREY HILLS, with a depth of 100 feet, extending to a lane 16 feet wide, on which are the following premises:—A REAR BRICK-BUILT VERANDAH COTTAGE, with stone foundations, with verandah and garden in front, containing three apartments. Also, at the rear, fronting the lane, a TWO-STORY HOUSE, containing four rooms, with 2,000 sq. ft. at the rear.

These premises are situated on a healthy position, and the tenant and the proprietor will be mutually benefited, and are worthy of inspection by parties seeking a small but sterling city investment, affording a certain return.

Plans on view at the Rooms.  
Terms, liberal.

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**PERPETUITY SALE.**  
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**GOULBURN-STREET.**

**THE HEN AND CHICKEN HOTEL AND TWO DWELLING-HOUSES,** at the corner of Little Macquarie-street, adjoining the property of H. C. Burnell, Esq., and immediately opposite Little Macquarie-street, from the Haymarket, the whole yielding a rental of £239 PER ANNUM.

**RICHARDSON AND WRENCH** have received instructions from J. G. Strokarc, Esq., in consequence of his departure from the colony, to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, 5th August, at 10 o'clock,

All that valuable corner plot of land having the following frontages:—  
44 feet to Goulburn-street.  
100 feet to Little Macquarie-street,  
on which are the following brick-built premises:—

**THE HEN AND CHICKEN HOTEL,** containing a bar, billiard room, large billiard-room, sitting-room, and kitchen on the ground floor; five bedrooms on the upper floor, and cellar in the basement.

These premises are in full trade, and let on a five years' lease, expiring in October, 1899, to Mr. W. Foster, for £154 per annum.

**TWO DWELLING-HOUSES** adjoining, containing each 4 rooms and a kitchen, let for 16s per week each.

The whole of these premises have recently been painted and placed in thorough and maintainable order. Water and gas laid on to each of the houses.

These premises are well-situated property in a populous improving locality, a position that commands the trade of the sale affords a first-rate opportunity for favourably securing a good city investment, as the whole must be sold in consequence of the proprietor's early departure from the colony.

Plans on view at the Rooms.  
Terms:—A portion of the purchase-money may, if desired, be retained on account on the property.

**CLARENCE RIVER DISTRICT.**  
For Absolute Sale, to close accounts.

**THE following choice Cattle Properties, viz.:**—

**LOT 1.—GLENKEIGH.**  
This station, situated on the town of GRAFTON, on the CLARENCE RIVER, having first-class improvements in purchased land, and

**2000 HEAD (more or less) of CHOICE CATTLE,** quiet head to be mustered and delivered.

**LOT 2.—LAVENSTRAH.**  
This station, situated in the Glenelg Run, and is worked in connection with the Glenelg Run, and is well adapted for accommodation are amply sufficient for its being worked independently.

The above choice Cattle comprises

**2000 HEAD (more or less) ALL WELL-BRED,** quiet stock, including about 120 MICH CATTLE.

These properties will be sold either together or separately as suit purchasers.

Plans on view at the Rooms.  
Terms, liberal.

**RICHARDSON AND WRENCH** have received instructions to sell by public auction at the Rooms, Pitt-street, Sydney, TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 6th August,

All the above choice cattle stations, of which the following are a few particulars, viz.:

**LOT 1.—GLENKEIGH.**  
This first-class lot is situated near the Urarra River, to which it has a frontage of about twenty miles, and includes a very large area of sound grazing country, consisting principally of large plain of open forest country, interspersed with undulating hills, and high ranges forming natural boundaries. It is abundantly grassed, and well watered, and is estimated to carry 3500 head of cattle in all.

The improvements, which are of a very substantial and extensive character, are mostly erected on

**164 ACRES OF PURCHASED LAND.**

They comprise a well-finished DWELLING-HOUSE, built of brick, containing eight rooms, and every convenience—kitchen, servant's room, store, dairy, laundry, wash-house, workshop—all strongly built and shingled with iron. The above choice cattle comprises a large number of built-up buildings include stable, corn store, 36 x 15 feet, large stable, milking bails, and calf pen. There are two securely fenced paddocks, each of 100 acres, and 100 acres. The 20000 acres, respectively. About 4 miles from the head of the river is a farm called Backpack, with all necessary improvements, garden, corn paddock of 35 acres, and two others of 35 acres, and 800 acres for grazing purposes.

With Glenelg will be sold 2000 HEAD, more or less of CHOICE CATTLE, a well-bred, quiet, head of Durham and Shorthorn, and a large number of the Australian Agricultural Company, and the noted D in diamond brand from the Richmond River.

**LOT 3.—LAVENSTRAH.**  
This lot is situated about nine miles from GRAFTON and John Glenelg. It is watered by URARRA RIVER, and includes a large area of sound grazing country, consisting principally of large plain of open forest country, interspersed with undulating hills, and high ranges forming natural boundaries. It is abundantly grassed, and well watered, and is estimated to carry 3500 head of cattle in all.

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feeding cattle. This plant, which is nearly new, may be removed by the purchaser at the value of £200, or will be removed by the proprietor.

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With LAVENTHRAH will be sold  
1000 HEAD (more or less) OF CATTLE,  
quiet herd, (including 1200 lambs cows, all well bred from choice stock.

\* \* \* Stores, working plant, and all belongings on both farms to be taken by valuation by the usual mode of arbitration.

Both herds will be mustered and delivered.

These stations are now in the market for absolute sale to the highest bidder, on date mentioned, and parties interested are directed to the favourable opportunity which this sale affords to parties wishing to invest in really good property.

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**UNLIMITED MARKET FOR FAT STOCK.**

These are they are within a very short distance of Page's Curriers and River Meat Preserving Company, which is a constant con-



